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## **Abilene Police Department Bomb Squad Re-accredited**

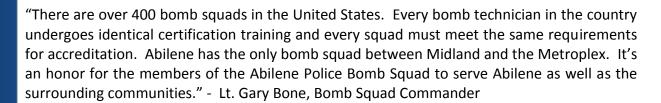
ABILENE, TX – On Monday, October 26, 2015, the Bomb Squad was awarded re-accreditation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and issued a certificate. The Bomb Squad is required to submit the accreditation process every five years and must adhere to a strict set of requirements and equipment standards to achieve accreditation.



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The Bomb Squad serves a 21-county area surrounding Abilene and is made up of five certified bomb technicians who are on-call twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. The Bomb Squad was last called out on October 13, 2015, to Tom Green County to investigate a suspicious package which was found not to contain explosives.

"I am incredibly proud of our Bomb Squad. These men undergo rigorous training to become certified, and they then remain proficient in their skills so our communities can remain safe. By being re-accredited, the federal government is endorsing APD's adoption of best practices for mitigating threats to our community." — Chief Stan Standridge





"You are the first line of defense